

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/499,717 filed on February 8, 2000, <sup>*now abandoned*</sup> which claims the priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 11-030429 filed on February 8, 1999.--

Please delete the paragraph at page 7, lines 32-34 and insert therefor the following paragraph:

*A<sup>2</sup>*  
--The hydrophilic polymer may be cationic, anionic, or amphoteric. A nonionic polymer is also employable. Preferred is a cationic polymer.--

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Please delete the paragraph at page 16, lines 21-31 and insert therefor the following paragraph:

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--The dried slide glass was scanned for detecting fluorescence strength. From the detected fluorescence strength is reduced the background fluorescence strength which was observed when a sample solution containing no fluorescence labelled-DNA fragment was spotted and treated in the same manner. Thus, processed fluorescence strength is set forth in Table 2 in terms of a relative value, in which the relative value is expressed in terms of value relative to the fluorescence strength detected on the DNA chip which was treated in the same manner except for using a solution containing no hydrophilic polymer.--

IN THE DRAWINGS:

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Please delete Figures 1 and 2 and substitute therefor corrected Figures 1 and 2 which are attached hereto.